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Depressed classes

Award of scholarships by the Labour Department.

*1273 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any Government Order restricting the award of scholarships by the Labour Department (General and Technical) to Hindu depressed classes;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present Labour Commissioner, Mr. Slater, has granted commercial scholarships to Christians, Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras;

(c) whether he will be pleased to place on the Council table the list of technical scholarship holders who were granted scholarships by the said officer, Mr. Slater; and

(d) how many applications were received from the Hindu depressed classes in 1928-29 and how many of them were granted?

A.—(a) G.O.[a] No. 117, Law (General), dated 12th January 1926, is placed on the table of the House.

(b) Yes.

(c) The lists[a] are placed on the table. The list relating to industrial scholarships gives the names of those pupils to whom scholarships have been granted fresh during the year 1928-29 and does not contain the names of the pupils whose scholarships have been renewed during the year.

(d) The information is given below:—

		Number of applications received.	Number of persons granted.
General education scholarships	...	1,080	116
Commercial ,,	...	10	8
Industrial ,,	...	15	12

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to (c), may I know the reason why the Government give scholarships to Christians as shown in the list, Nos. 10, 11, 12, 15, 33 and 35, against the spirit of G.O. No. 117, Law (General), dated 12th January 1916?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The Labour Department is giving industrial scholarships to the depressed classes. Since some scholarships were available, they were given to the depressed class Christians."

Mr. N. SIVA RAJ:—"May I know why a number of scholarships which
11-15 a.m. should go legitimately to Hindu depressed class pupils go to pupils belonging to other castes?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I may say that there are 35 scholarships given by the Labour Department and the number of applications received from Hindus were only 15. Out of 15 applicants, only 12 Hindus were given the scholarships, because the other 3 were considered not eligible. So the remaining scholarships were given to depressed class Christians."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 640-642 infra.